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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Photo Capabilities at URPIC-Y and URPIC-2

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1. Colonel Kieling, Deputy for Collection to Colonel Harris Hull at PACAF, and I visited the 5th Air Force, 67th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron at Yokota (URPIC-Y) on Tuesday a.m., 5 May. We talked with Lt. Colonel Dan George, Commander of URPIC-Y.

2. Last October, after visiting URPIC-Y, I reported (see memo to SA/PD/DCI, Subject Visit to URPIC-Y, dated 21 October 1958, [redacted]) that extensive plans were laid out for new physical arrangements which would provide better security, more efficient relationships between the processing and PI Section, strengthening in numbers and skills of personnel, and new equipment, including the EM6A processor to replace the A9 processor. I regret to report now that there is no substantial evidence of the realization of this plan except as follows:

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a. A cut by PACAF of thirty per cent in the plan proposed by Colonel George (although this in itself is not serious inasmuch as Colonel George admits he asked for plenty).

b. The arrival of 6 EM6As of which 4 were damaged in transit. The other two will not be installed until the modifications are made to permit the use of thin-based film. (The EM6As, new compact processors developed by Air Force for field processing, was evaluated by PIC before shipment of any of the processors to the field. It was their advice that the narrow roller would not accept thin base because the film track permitted contact between sections of film which then stuck together and aborted the operation. The advice was not heeded, and after attempting to process Middle East film at Wiesbaden, URPIC-W had to return to the A9s pending modification.)

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3. At the moment there are no representatives of the Army, Navy, and CIA--although they can arrive for duty promptly from stations in the area in the case of the Army and Navy, and PIC has personnel documented to move immediately.

4. Despite the comments in paragraph 2, URPIC-Y is in reasonably good shape and should be able to operate on 24 hours notice.

5. All duplicate T film on last year's CHICOM missions has now been returned to Headquarters.

URPIC-2 at Clark AFB

6. Colonel Bill Mickley, DI of 13th Air Force, is cognizant of and provides some support for but is not directly responsible for URPIC-2. Colonel Atkinson, Commander of the 67th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron, 5th Air Force, at Fuchu, is responsible for the URPIC-Y and URPIC-2. The latter reports directly to him, not through Colonel George, Commander, URPIC-Y. Colonel George, however, must provide personnel and PI tools and logistic support on 24 hours notice in the event URPIC-2 is activated.

7. Major Teague at Clark is in charge of URPIC-2. He has in the building, which is obscurely located and seemingly provided with excellent physical security, 3 NCOs as caretakers and ready for duty at all times. The quarters, in my opinion, are superior to URPIC-Y. The area is large, clean, air conditioned with vault space and dark room adjoining for hand processing and film loading. The four A9s on inspection were clean and well oiled. Teague said they were all operational and in excellent condition. (This situation contrasts with the circumstance last spring when there was no air conditioning and the A9s were in bad shape.) There is an adequate supply of chemicals on hand. Film for duping is provided by Yokota.

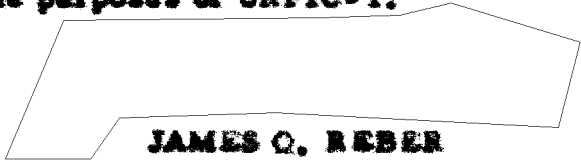
8. As noted above, individual PI tools are brought from URPIC-Y by personnel assigned when the center is activated. At the moment, it would not appear necessary that they be stocked at URPIC-2. However, it would be desirable that modified portable light tables be used to protect

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the film. Such light tables are neither at URPIC-Y nor URPIC-2. The enlarger for single prints is antiquated, permitting only 2X enlargements. This probably should suffice for the purposes of URPIC-Y.


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